


B1040 (FORM 1040) (12/15)

<b>ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEET</b> (Instructions on Reverse)		<b>ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER</b> (Court Use Only)		
<b>PLAINTIFFS</b> THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY,	<b>DEFENDANTS</b> KIYANA S. BRUCE			
<b>ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.)</b> ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE 33 S. State Street - Suite 992 Chicago, Illinois 60603	<b>ATTORNEYS (If Known)</b>			
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<b>NATURE OF SUIT</b> (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1, first alternative cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)				
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<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law <input type="checkbox"/> Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23 Demand \$8,981.97			
Other Relief Sought				

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BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES		
NAME OF DEBTOR KIYANA S. BRUCE		BANKRUPTCY CASE NO. 20-05211
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING NORTHERN	DIVISION OFFICE EASTERN	NAME OF JUDGE TIMOTHY A. BARNES
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)		
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.
DISTRICT IN WHICH ADVERSARY IS PENDING	DIVISION OFFICE	NAME OF JUDGE
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) 		
DATE June 10, 2020	PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) ANDREW L. DRYJANSKI ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL	

**INSTRUCTIONS**

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 1040, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 1040 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

**Plaintiffs and Defendants.** Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

**Attorneys.** Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

**Party.** Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

**Demand.** Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

**Signature.** This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not represented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re: Case No. 20-05211	)	
	)	
KIYANA S. BRUCE,	)	
	)	BK No. 20-05211
Debtor,	)	
	)	
THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF	)	Adv. Pro. No. _____
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	Honorable Timothy A. Barnes
KIYANA S. BRUCE,	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

**VERIFIED COMPLAINT TO DETERMINE  
DISCHARGEABILITY OF DEBT**

1. This complaint to determine the dischargeability of a debt in bankruptcy under Sections 523(a)(2)(A) of the Revised Bankruptcy Act (11 U.S.C.A. 523) commences an adversary proceeding within the meaning of Bankruptcy Rule 7001.
2. The above-named debtor has filed with this court a petition under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, Case No. 20-05211.
3. Plaintiff is a creditor of the debtor having filed a claim totaling \$8,981.97.
4. Plaintiff is a department of the government of the State of Illinois charged with, among other things, the administration of the Illinois Unemployment Insurance Act. 820 ILCS 405/100 (1992) et seq.
5. Plaintiff seeks to have the debt owed to it by the debtor-defendant determined non-dischargeable.

**COUNT I**

1. Debtor-defendant obtained from plaintiff unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$1,891.00 to which she was not entitled by the use of false pretenses and false representations to plaintiff.

2. The false representations referred to in paragraph 1 consisted of debtor-defendant certifying that during the period of June 30, 2018 through September 29, 2018; she was unemployed, earned no wages, and was actively seeking work when in fact she was employed and earned wages from The Department of Human Services.

3. Debtor-defendant did not report her employment or earnings even though she was aware of her duty to do so.

4. As a result of the above-stated false representations made by debtor-defendant to plaintiff, debtor-defendant received \$1,891.00 in unemployment benefits to which she was not entitled.

5. Subsequent investigation undertaken by plaintiff disclosed that, during the aforesaid period, the debtor-defendant had knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings from The Department of Human Services, for the purpose of obtaining unemployment benefits to which she was not entitled.

6. On June 18, 2019, an administrative decision was issued by plaintiff determining that the debtor-defendant knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings for the purpose of obtaining benefits to which she was not entitled. A copy of said decision is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A."

7. Pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the debt owed to plaintiff by debtor-defendant is not dischargeable as it is a "debt for obtaining money by false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud."

8. Defendant has made payments totaling \$1,493.03. The balance due for this Court I is \$397.97.

## **COUNT II**

1. Debtor-defendant obtained from plaintiff unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$3,747.00 to which she was not entitled by the use of false pretenses and false representations to plaintiff.

2. The false representations referred to in paragraph 1 consisted of debtor-defendant certifying that during the period of January 5, 2019 through February 9, 2019, she was unemployed, earned no wages, and was actively seeking work when in fact she was employed and earned wages from The Department of Human Services and Chicago Public Schools.

3. Debtor-defendant did not report her employment or earnings even though she was aware of her duty to do so.

4. As a result of the above-stated false representations made by debtor-defendant to plaintiff, debtor-defendant received \$3,747.00 in unemployment benefits to which she was not entitled.

5. Subsequent investigation undertaken by plaintiff disclosed that, during the aforesaid period, the debtor-defendant had knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings from The Department of Human Services and Chicago Public Schools, for the purpose of obtaining unemployment benefits to which she was not entitled.

6. On February 20, 2020, an administrative decision was issued by plaintiff determining that the debtor-defendant knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings for the purpose of obtaining benefits to which she was not entitled. A copy of said decision is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B".

7. Pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the debt owed to plaintiff by debtor-defendant is not dischargeable as it is a “debt for obtaining money by false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud.”

8. Defendant has made no payments. Therefore, the total due for Count II is \$3,747.00.

### **COUNT III**

1. Debtor-defendant obtained from plaintiff unemployment insurance benefits in the amount of \$4,837.00 to which she was not entitled by the use of false pretenses and false representations to plaintiff.

2. The false representations referred to in paragraph 1 consisted of debtor-defendant certifying that during the period of August 19, 2017 through November 4, 2017, she was unemployed, earned no wages, and was actively seeking work when in fact she was employed and earned wages from Chicago Public Schools and The Department of Human Services.

3. Debtor-defendant did not report her employment or earnings even though she was aware of her duty to do so.

4. As a result of the above-stated false representations made by debtor-defendant to plaintiff, debtor-defendant received \$4,837.00 in unemployment benefits to which she was not entitled.

5. Subsequent investigation undertaken by plaintiff disclosed that, during the aforesaid period, the debtor-defendant had knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings from Chicago Public Schools and The Department of Human Services, for the purpose of obtaining unemployment benefits to which she was not entitled.

6. On March 16, 2020, an administrative decision was issued by plaintiff determining that the debtor-defendant knowingly failed to disclose her employment and earnings for the

purpose of obtaining benefits to which she was not entitled. A copy of said decision is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "C".

7. Pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the debt owed to plaintiff by debtor-defendant is not dischargeable as it is a "debt for obtaining money by false pretenses, a false representation, or actual fraud."

8. Defendant has made no payments. Therefore, the balance due for this Count III is \$4,837.00.

9. On *June 10, 2020* the Illinois Attorney General's Office received the Military Status Report from the United States Department of Defense, the report states that the defendant, KIYANA S. BRUCE, is not currently on active military duty. Attached is an affidavit (Exhibit "D").


WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this court:

- a. Set the matter of the dischargeability of the debts owed from debtor-defendant to plaintiff for hearing;
- b. Find that said debts in the amount of \$8,981.97 are not dischargeable and enter judgment thereon.
- c. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

By:

  
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**AFFIDAVIT**

This affiant, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that he/she is a duly authorized agent of the plaintiff, that as such, he/she has full knowledge of the facts relating to the above complaint and that the facts alleged therein are true.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this

10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.



